

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A barrette for animal hair, comprising:

a leaf spring clamp, the leaf spring clamp having upper and lower springs having first and second ends, the first ends of the upper and lower springs being pivotally joined together whereby the upper and lower springs can pivot between an open and a closed position; ~~and~~

a piece of non-slip material affixed to one of said upper and lower springs;

wherein the non-slip material is a hook fabric material; and

a decorative ornament attached to the upper spring;

whereby the leaf spring clamp is adapted for clamping hair between the non-slip material and the other of said upper and lower springs when the upper and lower springs are held in the closed position.

Claim 2. (*Canceled*)

Claim 3. (*Original*) The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1, wherein said piece of non-slip material is affixed to said upper spring.

Claim 4. (*Original*) The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1, wherein said piece of non-slip material is affixed to said lower spring.

Claim 5. (*Original*) The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1, further comprising:

a clasp coupler disposed on said second end of one of said upper and lower springs; and

a clasp catch disposed on said second end of the other of said upper and lower springs

whereby the clasp coupler and the clasp catch releasably engage with one another to secure said upper and lower springs in the closed position.

Claim 6. (*Original*) The barrette for animal hair according to claim 1, wherein said upper spring comprises a support member and a spring member.

Claim 7. (*Original*) The barrette for animal hair according to claim 6, wherein said piece of non-slip material is affixed to said spring member.

Claim 8. (*Canceled*)

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